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Attention: Federal Resources Office, Room 3500  
For Kris Balaji, Federal Programming

Dear Mr. Morales:

SUBJECT: FY 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP Amendment No. 2 (NON-MPO Areas)

We have completed our review of Amendment 2 to California's 2002/03 to 2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP) that was submitted with your letter dated January 28, 2003. This amendment modifies the amount of funds included in the FSTIP for a grouped listing of Transportation Enhancement (TE) activities proposed for implementation outside the boundaries of the metropolitan planning areas of the State. The amendment also adds \$530,000 in FY 2002/03 of the FSTIP for the Right of Way phase of a Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) related project in Mariposa County. These FSTIP programming modifications are for projects or activities located in areas of the State of California that are outside the planning boundaries of the designated Metropolitan Planning Organizations (MPOs).

We accept this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450 and find that it was developed through a continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive transportation planning process in accord with the statewide planning provisions of 23 USC 135. The changes proposed to the FSTIP by this amendment are for projects located in area of the State of California which is designated as attainment or unclassified for Federal air quality standards and, as a consequence, are not subject to the requirement that a conformity determination be made. These findings have been coordinated with the Regional office of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and, pursuant to procedures outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding on single mode transportation improvement program (TIP) amendments dated March 8, 1996, the Regional office of the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

This letter constitutes joint Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration approval for the inclusion of FSTIP Amendment No. 2 into California's 2002/03-2004/05 FSTIP. We have determined that this FSTIP Amendment does not adversely impact the FSTIP Financial Plan.

Sincerely,

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For  
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